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Honorable Nick Smith  
House of Representatives  
1708 Longworth Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Smith:

This is in reply to your letter of March 31, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no

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Mr. Lou Sizemore  
Congressional Liaison Specialist  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 808  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Sizemore:

Enclosed please find several letters from my constituents opposing changes to frequencies on mobile cellular units, PR Docket 92-235.

I have notified my constituents that I have forwarded their letters to you, and sent them FCC information as well as a copy of Ralph Haller's letter to me. Please take into consideration the concerns of my constituents when deliberating this issue and contact them accordingly.

Sincerely,

Nick Smith  
Member of Congress

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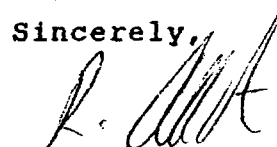
Congressman Nick Smith

Dear Congressman Smith:

I am writing to urge you to vote against the proposed changes in radio frequencies of radio-controlled toy units. The changes which have been proposed will apparently compress the frequency band in which radio-controlled toys function, and very likely will render them more apt to interference and loss of control. As a physician practicing in Michigan I am very much attuned to the problem of liability. Malpractice suits are an all-to-common fact of life in medical practice, as you know. The liability involved in model airplanes is also a significant problem for the hobbyist. Some of these planes are large enough, and have powerful enough engines to cause significant damage to property and to cause severe injury, or worse, to an innocent bystander who might be struck with one.

I hope that you will give your serious consideration to this matter and will act against the proposed changes in the frequency band of radio controlled toys. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Albertson, M.D.

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February 23, 1993

The Honorable Nick Smith  
1708 Longworth  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have been an aviation enthusiast since childhood and for the past twelve years I have been active in the building and flying of radio controlled model aircraft. However, a new proposal by the FCC may place this very enjoyable activity in jeopardy.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use

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THE HONORABLE NICK SMITH  
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DEAR MR. SMITH:

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS ABOUT PR DOCKET 92-235.

A PROPOSED FCC RULE CHANGE THAT, TO MY UNDERSTANDING, WILL

ADD ADDITIONAL FREQUENCY USES TO THE 72 TO 76 Mhz RADIO BAND.

BY MYSELF AND A LARGE SEGMENT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

MY SINCERE THANKS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Strobel".

PAUL STROBEL

March 15 1993

The Honorable Nick Smith:

I am writing you regarding the FCC proposed rule PR Docket 92-235 which will add commercial mobile frequencies sandwiched between existing radio controlled model air craft frequencies in both the 72 and 75 MHz bands. The new frequency tolerance allowed the mobile equipment could put their frequencies right on top of ours. Because they are mobile and have four times the power we use, this could cause, without warning, a complete loss of control of a plane. model planes can weigh up to 20 LBS. and fly at 100 M.P.H. A crash can cause serious injury or death as well as property damage. This hobby has a long outstanding safety record and has given me years of enjoyment. Now that I am retired, I look forward to filling my spare time with it. I have thousands of dollars and many hours invested in the equipment but I can not, in good conscience, continue to fly with this new rule in effect. I strongly urge the FCC not to impliment this proposal and to keep the frequency assignments as they now stand, thus preserving a wonderful pastime for kids and adults alike.

Thank You.

Jack Mason  
4486 Bonnymede  
Jackson, Mi. 49201

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The Honorable Nick Smith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am retired 70 years old and enjoy many hours constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rule making that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are presently far enough from the land mobile that we have been able to share the band without either one interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting our frequencies into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio operations. I am told of the 50 frequencies that are available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model aircraft under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly reduced.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need to use our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I don't think it is fair of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers.

The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but but we have considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to 10's of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of commercial aviation industry.

Please help me enjoy the safe enjoyment of my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. (PR DOCKET 92-235).

Sincerely,

  
Hugh Butcher

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Hon Nick Smith  
United States House of Rep.  
1708 Cannon House Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Smith:

Regarding the recent proposal to use 72 MHz and 75Mhz frequencies on mobile cellular units.

Please be aware I am one of many people using these frequencies for my radio control equipment.

A great amount of expense, thought, and time has gone into our equipment.

It would be a terrible loss if I and my radio control friends were not able to operate our equipment without fear of disaster. Signal interference could cause serious injury to individuals by an out-of-control radio operated airplane, boat or car.

Before this issue is closed, please consider our position carefully.

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Sincerely,

Harry S. Chilton